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Commissioner for Patents **Box Non-Fee Amendment** Washington, D.C. 20231

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Appl. No. 09/705,840; filed November 6, 2000

For:

Substituted 4H-Chromenes and Analogs as Activators of Caspases

and Inducers of Apoptosis and the Use Thereof

Inventors: Drewe et al.

Our Ref: 1735.0410002/RWE/BEC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17); 1.
- Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
- 3. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- Form PTO-1449 (3 sheets) and accompanying (15) references; 4:
- 5. Return postcard; and
- Our check no. 34965 for \$180.00 to cover the fee for submission of an 6. Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R.§ 1.17(p)).

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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